

AFTER BROOKLYN OFFICIALS.

THE GRAND JURY PRESENTS THE MAYOR AND THE ALDERMEN

In connection with recent railroad grants—like the one of the officials of the Flatbush Avenue Asylum—The District Attorney Served Mayor Boody and the Board of Aldermen from Indictment.

The Kings County Grand Jury was discharged yesterday by Judge Moore of the Court of Sessions, after bringing in two indictments, one in reference to the recent disposal of valuable railroad grants by the Aldermen, and the other in reference to the management of the Flatbush Asylum.

This is what the grand jury had to say about the railroad franchises.

"In the matter of the granting of street railroad franchises, awarded by the Board of Aldermen June 10 last, and approved by his honor, the Mayor, on June 23, we find that three, or ostensibly four, companies made application for a franchise covering about the same route or series of routes; that these franchises were awarded to two, or ostensibly three, of these applicants, to the unfair and, in our judgment, the illegal exclusion of one of the applicants. We are perfectly satisfied that this was done to the financial loss of the city, and in spite of all protests on the part of the excluded company. We most earnestly censure the members of the Board of Aldermen who voted for the granting of the franchises, and for taking final action at the very first meeting that the Committee on Railroads made their report, and for not affording the dissenting members an opportunity to carefully examine such report. And, further, we most earnestly censure his honor, Mayor David A. Boody, for approving their action so heartily, notwithstanding it having been openly charged by the excluded company that they had been treated unfairly and illegally, that the franchises had been granted fraudulently, and that bad faith and collusion between the successful companies and the Board of Aldermen, in depriving them of proper information and an opportunity of bidding, had resulted in the city's financial loss.

"This Grand Jury sincerely regrets its inability to present an indictment against those members of the Board of Aldermen and his honor, the Mayor, but under the law as interpreted to us by the learned District Attorney, we find ourselves precluded from so doing."

Following is a part of the presentation on the Flatbush case.

"That Dr. Sylvester, the medical superintendent, in allowing or preventing the maltreatment of patients under his charge in the asylum for insane at Flatbush, in violating the duty of the State Medical Board that there should be no more than one nurse at night, and that the daily reports of the serious nature of the cases, and the names of the patients, should be made to him, he failed to make that report, and examination which previous superintendents have declared to have been a matter of custom. We also find the general management and supervision of the institution by him to have been extremely faulty and neglectful. For these reasons we recommend his immediate dismissal as Superintendent of the Asylum for the Insane."

"We recommend the dismissal of Dr. Phillips and Nurse Ellen, for gross neglect of duty and incompetency in allowing or not preventing accidents and injuries to patients. Dr. Phillips and Nurse Ellen are already under indictment for manslaughter in the second degree."

"The Grand Jury also recommended that the salaries of the assistant physicians at the asylum should be increased from \$2,000 to \$3,000 a year. Those of the male nurses from \$200 to \$300 a month. It was also recommended that the law be amended so that the District Attorney should be responsible for the administration of the insane asylum, and that the medical superintendents shall be a competent physician. Exemption is also taken to the character of some of the supplies and medicines used in the asylum, and the fact that they were not much disturbed over the presentments, and even indictments would not have caused them much uneasiness. The Board of Supervisors returned from celebrating Brooklyn Day in Chicago, and the Grand Jury could not be learned, but this was Acting Mayor Michael J. Coffey had to say."

"The Grand Jury has been acting in the interests of a public which is not of the people. If there has been any fraud or collusion in the granting of these railroad franchises, it is known by the Grand Jury, and we have employed had been employed years ago the city to-day would be a different place. The annual revenue of \$750,000 from the railroad companies."

"It is now supposed that Mr. William J. Gardner, counsel for the Union Street Railway Company, fortified by the sweeping course of the Grand Jury, will go to the courts to test the validity of the grants."

"Of course," Mr. Gardner yesterday, "if the learned District Attorney advised the Grand Jury that there is no law under which Mayor Boody and the Aldermen could be indicted for this gross and scandalous public offense, the Grand Jury had to acquiesce. I express no opinion."

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IF YOU SEE IT IN THE SUN ITS SO.

It seems to them that the President has

Conceded to Congress in His Message.

From the World of May 21.

WASHINGTON, May 20.—President Cleveland

has been urged to take immediate action by some

of his personal friends among bankers in various

parts of the country, of both parties, and also

by leading Democrats in and out of Congress.

Many conferences and consultations have

been held, and those who participated in them

report that the President appears to be not only

willing but anxious to listen to the advice of the

men representing the financial world, all of whom are

deeply concerned over the present unsatisfactory state of business

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NEW BOOKS.

Brief Reviews of Important and Interesting

New Publications.

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about his friends, the artists, in the several

sketches included in "Pictorial and Text"

by Harper & Brothers. The sketch entitled

"Black and White" is concerned with Messrs.

Abbey, Millet, Pissarro, Renoir, Manet, and

Benoist, and there are, besides, special

sketches devoted to Messrs. Abbey, Renoir,

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Rev. John J. Tighe of Dooton, N. J., are published

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the Current Prehistoric Standards and the

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terian Divines, L. C. Baker, by the Rev. Dr.

Henry Theodore Cheever, is published by Lee

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